

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1 1. A service administration system for distributing

2 service processing resources among one or more service nodes of
3 an intelligent communications network, each service node
4 providing services at a network resource associated with a
5 service node, said system comprising:

6 a) a device for receiving re-usable service components for
7 providing services at a service node of said intelligent
8 communications network, each said service component having an
9 associated service profile defining service node resources
10 required for storing, maintaining and executing said service;

11 b) a device for receiving configuration criteria including
12 physical resource capacity of each service node of said network;

13 c) a database device for storing said received service
14 components, said service node configuration criteria, and
15 service profile associated with said service components;

16 d) a distribution mechanism for distributing copies of said
17 service components to one or more service nodes according to
18 said service profile information associated with a service and a
19 configuration criteria of said service nodes; and,

20 e) a trigger mechanism for automatically activating and
21 deactivating said service component distributed to said service
22 node, wherein utilization of service node resources are
23 optimized by activating said service components at service nodes
24 during periods of high demand for an associated service and
25 deactivating service components at service nodes during periods
26 of low demand for said service.

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1 2. A method for administering service components to one
2 or more service nodes comprising an intelligent network, each
3 service node providing one or more services relating to an event

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4 received at a network resource associated with a service node,
5 said method comprising the steps of:

6 a) receiving re-usable service components for providing
7 services at a service node of said intelligent communications
8 network, each said service component having an associated
9 service profile defining service node resources required for
10 storing, maintaining and executing said service;

11 b) receiving configuration criteria including physical
12 resource capacity of each service node of said network;

13 c) maintaining an database including master copies of said
14 received service components, said service node configuration
15 criteria, and service profile associated with said service
components;

16 d) distributing copies of said service components to one or
17 more service nodes according to said service profile information
18 associated with a service and a configuration criteria of said
19 service nodes; and,

20 e) forwarding a trigger to said service node for
21 automatically activating and deactivating a service component
22 distributed to said service node, whereby a service component
23 distributed to said service node is activated during periods of
24 high demand for an associated service and deactivated at service
25 nodes during periods of low demand for said service.

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27 3. A service processing system for controlling a
28 communications network having a plurality of service nodes, each
29 service node comprising at least one logic execution environment
30 that hosts managed objects, said service processing system
comprising:

31 a data manager for maintaining at each service node a local
32 storage of managed objects and data needed for service
33 processing within the service node;

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9 at least one service administrator that controls the
10 deployment and activation of services within said service
11 processing system by distributing, from a global repository,
12 managed objects and data to one or more data managers associated
13 with said service nodes in said communications network.

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1 4. A method for controlling the deployment and activation
2 of services in a communications network having a plurality of
3 service nodes, each service node comprising at least one logic
4 execution environment that hosts managed objects, said method
5 comprising the steps of:

6 maintaining at each of said service nodes a local data
7 store of managed objects and data needed for service processing
8 within the service node;

9 selectively distributing, from a global repository, managed
10 objects and data to one or more of said local stores associated
11 with said service nodes in said communications network, so as to
12 control where and when services are deployed and activated in
13 said communications network.